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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Death, Our Enemy

By Missionary Norman Lewis
1933 "B" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."—I. Cor. 15:26.

The Bible declares that death is our enemy. Death is man's implacable foe. No shifting circumstances will ever make death our friend. This terrible foe must be destroyed. That is exactly what the Bible says will occur.

The Christian and the non-Christian are not at all alike in their attitude toward death. They are a world apart in their views. This difference is accounted for by two of the greatest facts in the universe. Those facts are the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Most unsaved people fear death. It is right that they should. This fear is instinctive. It is man's response to the unknown. To the natural man death is a dark, dark tunnel. Its entrance is marked by weakness, misery, and loneliness. Since these things attend its entrance, man reasons that

the tunnel itself must be worse.

The Christian revelation throws great light upon death. To use the same figure, the Bible illuminates the dark tunnel. Yet death remains an enemy. Christians sometimes seek to persuade themselves otherwise. Sentiment often outweighs fact in statements. Christian writers make about death. The wish may be father to the thought. It is possible to go beyond what the Bible teaches. Such extremes are false and dangerous.

Death, by its very nature, can never be man's friend. It is the result of sin. "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Sin is essentially evil. Therefore, it can produce nothing good. It never has done so, nor ever will. But death must be reckoned with. We cannot disregard it merely because we dislike it. Every sensible person must face:

1. The Fact of Death

Death is a fact. It is a palpable reality. It lurks somewhere along the path we must take. We know not where it will meet us but we know that it is crouching there somewhere ready to spring upon us. It is not right, therefore, to brush death from your mind. Get ready to die! Preparedness is vital. Maybe you are ready for death.



Missionary Norman Lewis

If not, you ought to be. No other attitude squares with reality.

There are those, of course, who would like to explain death away. We wish them success! What a day it would be for man if he could rid himself of that monster. But death remains a fact. Words will not destroy it. No syllogism will shatter it. No logic will eliminate it.

A friend of mine wrote:

"Christian Science says there is no sin, and there is no death. We are told that Mother Eddy never died. Well, maybe she didn't. But she stopped breathing. They pumped her heart full of embalming fluid. They folded her hands on her breast and 'laid her out' as we used to say down in the hills. They placed her in a coffin, closed the lid and screwed it down. Then they placed the coffin in a concrete vault and sealed it up.

"And for fifty years Sister (Continued on page 6)

Where Is Your Faith?

(One of 24 sermons in book, "A Quest for Souls," offered free with subscriptions. This is last offer—hurry!)

By the late Dr. George W. Truett, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

I raise the question with every Christian under the sound of my voice this night: Won't you make it a point, from day to day, to do some definite religious visiting? All about us are people who need, more than words can say, to be spoken to in the right way, concerning personal religion. Won't you thus dedicate yourself for an hour tomorrow? And if it could not be an hour, for half an hour? And if it could not be half an hour, for ten minutes? And if it could not be ten minutes, for as much as one minute, to speak to some human soul about personal religion? I do not think much of a meeting where its activities are limited to the public services. I think very much of any meeting, if the people come to it, and humbly and earnestly seek to have their spiritual strength renewed, and light their torches, and then go out to find somebody in need of God's guidance and help, and speak to that somebody, and seek to guide that somebody into the right way. That is a meeting worth while.

Oh, I press it upon you! Won't you do some of the right kind of religious visiting every day of these special days set apart for public services? There is a drifting Christian that you ought to see. He began well back yonder, and something came to bewitch him away from the right path. Oh, how he needs the right kind of a talk! There is somebody whose church membership is not in Fort Worth, but his life or her life is here. The church membership is back yonder in the village church or city church or country church, but the life is here, and the church membership ought to be here, and the activity ought to be here, and the service ought to be here, and the alignment, open and public, for Christ, ought to be here. Do you know such people? Say the right word to

them at once. And then, above all that, there are men and women and children all about you who are going their way without God, to whom you ought to speak.

My fellow-men, if the religion of Jesus Christ is worth a straw, it is worth dying for, and certainly it is worth living for. The one without Christ is not ready to die, and—what is of probably larger consequence—that one is not ready to live—no, not for a day, nor for an hour. Won't you do the right kind of religious visiting between this and the service tomorrow night? God speed you and help you, I pray.

You are ready to listen for a moment, with reverence, I trust, to two passages of Scripture, the first from the ninth chapter of Mark:

"And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them."

Arguing with them.

"And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not."

That is what the uproar is about. Your men have failed.

"He [Jesus] answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me, And they brought him unto

him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And Jesus asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oft-times it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us."

Miserable prayer, wasn't it? About like many of mine, I am afraid. Think of saying to God, to the Almighty Saviour: "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and help us"! Jesus said, "You have the 'if' in the wrong place." Mark just what He said:

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child (Continued on page 7)



Dr. George W. Truett

Last Chance

Subscription Campaign Closes Midnight, May 24. Last Chance to Get Special Rates and Premiums for Subscriptions

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

For the past few weeks we have been offering special low rates for subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD and giving a choice of three attractive premium books free. Many people have renewed their own subscriptions and sent THE SWORD to lists of their friends during this special campaign. Perhaps you have been planning to send a group of subscriptions at the low rates and get the free premium book, but have been putting the matter off. Here is your last reminder.

Many of our friends will be reading this article on Monday, May 22. That means you must hurry to take advantage of this special subscription offer. Subscriptions must be dated before midnight, Wednesday, May 24, in order to receive this special offer. After that, subscriptions advance to their regular rates and the premium books will no longer be offered.

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A Quest for Souls by the late Dr. George W. Truett, for forty-seven years pastor of the First (Continued on page 11)



This is the last announcement of our very unusual subscription offer. You can still get free with subscriptions to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, Dr. George W. Truett's wonderful book, *A Quest for Souls*, twenty-four sermons as preached in a revival campaign in Fort Worth in 1917, 389 pages.

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Mrs. Rice Greatly Improved

The editor's wife underwent major surgery on Wednesday, April 26. These notes are written Saturday morning just before I catch a plane for Denver and Durango, Colorado. This morning before seven o'clock I was with Mrs. Rice in the hospital at St. Charles, twelve miles away, and we had an hour to talk and read the Bible together and pray. She is much improved. The doctor says she is recovering nicely. She sat up a bit yesterday and has no fever, no complications. She is still weak, she has no appetite yet, but we are grateful for God's mercies and are confident that she will soon be well and strong again. Thank all of you who prayed.

Letter Month—"Where Are the Nine?"

You remember that when Jesus healed the ten lepers, only one, and he a foreigner, a Samaritan, returned to give Him thanks! I have personally paid for subscriptions to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* for thousands of preachers and missionaries. Some of them thanked me; most of them never did! In *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* we reported revival campaigns last year for about 150 evangelists. I suppose ten or fifteen of them have written to thank us.

Many, many churches and pastors learn of good evangelists through *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, and on the information we give, they invite such men to hold blessed revival campaigns in their churches. Most of these pastors never write to thank us for the help we gave in making such evangelists known.

Well, now it is Letter Month, and time for every pastor who has gotten information or help, every preacher who has gotten a sermon outline, every evangelist whose name was mentioned in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, to write us a letter. Every Christian who has been blessed by a sermon in *THE SWORD* should write us now during Letter Month. Every person who knows of somebody saved through *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* should write us. Everyone who has been blessed by some of the twenty million books and pamphlets we have gotten out should write and say so.

And as a matter of Christian integrity and grace and courtesy and good manners you ought to write *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* during Letter Month if you have been blessed, if you appreciate our stand for Christ and the Bible and the emphasis on soul winning.

It is Letter Month. May we hear from you?

There are wonderful offers for your convenience. And be sure to ask for your free copy of the 24-page pamphlet, *Jesus May Come Today*, and a free copy of the booklet, *"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"* There are special bargains for Letter Month and special free gifts for book orders and gifts of \$5.00 or \$10.00 or more. But you must ask for the premium of your choice.

We want to have your letters now. Please write us today!

If we are to carry on the blessed ministry God has given us, this great missionary work must have the support of God's people, their love and prayers and financial help.

The Editor to Durango, Norfolk, Massillon

Now we are driving to the O'Hare Airport, Chicago, where I will take a jet plane to Denver and then transfer to Pioneer Airlines to Durango, Colorado. I am to be engaged in eight days of revival services with the First Baptist Church and our long-time friend, Rev. Wayne Van Gelderen. I have forgiven him that he stole the heart of one of my secretaries and married her some years ago! I will be glad to visit in their home. Their children call me Grandpa. May God give a blessed revival in that Conservative Baptist Church.

INCIDENTS

and Illustrations

by
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner,
Contributing Editor

Hollywood Is Still At It

Family Weekly recently published an article by Sloan Wilson, author of "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit," a novel that would not exactly be classified as Sunday school literature, entitled, "The Menace of Immoral Movies." He began by saying: "It's hard to go to a movie theater these days without wondering what in the world is happening to American motion pictures—and foreign films, too, for that matter. The most sordid portrayals of adultery, psychopathic crime, and violence of almost every description are blatantly depicted. . . . The makers of movies tend to resort to dirt when they're afraid they can't make a living otherwise."

W. Ward Marsh, amusement editor of *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, revealed in one of his columns earlier this year that out of the top 22 pictures of 1960—each of which grossed more than four million dollars—"only two can really be rated as family pictures." All the rest would be of the "adult" variety such as described in Sloan Wilson's indictment in the above paragraph.

The truth of these charges was reflected a few weeks ago in the 33rd annual presentation by the Motion Picture Academy of the "Academy Awards," an event which is the highlight of the movie year as the "best" actors, actresses and films of the preceding year are announced.

The winner of the award for the outstanding film of 1960 was "The Apartment." This particular film collected five awards in all. *What was it like?* To quote Vernon Scott, United Press International movie writer, it was "a study in loose morals," dealing with a "young man who loans his apartment to big shots in his office (for extra-marital affairs) in order to win business promotions." Shirley MacLaine, who played a mistress in the film, had been nominated for the best actress award, but she lost out to another prostitute. According to *Variety*, the theater trade magazine, "The Apartment"

grossed nearly seven million dollars last year.

The Oscar for "best actor" of 1960 was given to Burt Lancaster for his portrayal of Elmer Gantry in the film by the same name. Vernon Scott described that character as "a ruthless roustabout who seduces every woman in sight, including a clergyman's daughter in her father's church, and a feminine evangelist." Lancaster played a part of a "hell-raising preacher" of the "fire and brimstone" variety in the film.

The Oscar for the "best actress" in 1960 was given to Elizabeth Taylor in recognition of what Bob Thomas, Associated Press Movie-TV writer, called "her performance as the wanton beauty in 'Butterfield 8.'" Scott called her "a footloose lady" and a "woman of easy virtue." So once again the top actress award was given to a movieland prostitute who appears to be not much better in her private life. According to *Variety*, this film glorifying the call girl profession grossed six million dollars in 1960.

Another prostitute won the "best supporting actress" honor. This award was given to Shirley Jones for her portrayal as a mistress of the red light district in the previously mentioned film, "Elmer Gantry." Miss Jones, the only one of the top award winners who had never been nominated previously, got her prize by switching from her former type roles in which she played "sweet young things." Now she knows, as do most of the others in the cinema city, that the Hollywood route to success is by being bad, not good.

The best supporting actor Oscar was given to a bearded English character actor, Peter Ustinov, for his eye-rolling performance as a "rogue" who provided "girls for the gladiators" in the production, "Spartacus," a film which Vernon Scott described as a story of "gore and lust."

That was Hollywood's best in 1960! Perhaps it is what sin-saturated America wanted, however, since the movieland box office showed a booming 10 per cent increase over a year ago and is climbing steadily, Hollywood correspondent Erskine Johnson tells us.

"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

Christ in Blue Jeans

England continues to delight in shocking the world with its re-

ligion a la blasphemous. The latest perversion of all that is sacred and holy was crowded into a televised rock 'n' roll Passion Play. Before it was screened, seventeen members of the House of Commons offered a motion of protest in Parliament, but that did not deter the play, "A Man Dies," from being shown. After it appeared, James Nance, a member of Parliament, described it as "degrading, ghastly and in the worst of bad taste."

A Presbyterian minister by the name of Ernest Marvin, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church in Bristol, wrote the script for his teen-age parishioners and they acted in the cast.

Roy Harkness, a nineteen-year-old youth attired in a striped sport shirt and blue jeans, played the Son of God. He was surrounded by long-haired teen-agers of the beatnik variety. The play opened with a song, "What's the Use?" which the minister explained was written to express the cynicism of the age.

A rock 'n' roll band was featured throughout the production, and songs were sung in a loose calypso style. For example, Judas Iscariot, also wearing blue jeans, just before his betrayal of Christ, faced the camera to sing:

"I want some money.
"I know where to get it, Honey—
"I's gonner turn him in."

The play ended "with the Lord's Prayer in modern idiom to rhythmic drum beats."

Surely Paul summed up this crowd when he wrote to the church at Rome: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image like to corruptible man . . . Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:21-23, 32).

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

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Robert L. Sumner's Fine New Book!

By Evangelist Walt Handford

The Regular Baptist Press has recently published a new book by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, contributing editor of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. The book is titled *Evangelism: The Church on Fire*. These messages were preached at the Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible Institute. The ten chapters represent the cream of years of research and work as an evangelist by Robert Sumner. The many, many very fine quotations make the book invaluable to any one doing research on evangelism.

I see three great strengths to this fine book. In the first place, it takes us back to New Testament principles of evangelism. Brother Sumner shows that the New Testament is a book of method as well as message. One of the greatest failures of our churches today is that we do not use the house-to-house visitation methods of the book of Acts.

In the second place, this book will do great good for any preacher who reads it with an open heart. In great detail Brother Sumner covers the most important requirements in a New Testament preacher. This book ought to drive many preachers to their knees in repentance for failure.

In the third place, this book is extremely practical. Here a preacher will find proven, up-to-date methods of doing the work of

evangelism in his local church.

The ten chapter titles are: (1) Today's Desperate Need for New Testament Evangelism, (2) The Meaning of New Testament Evangelism, (3) The Personal Qualifications of New Testament Evangelists, (4) The Pulpit Qualifications of New Testament Evangelists, (5) Regular Evangelism in a New Testament Church, (6) Special Evangelism in a New Testament Church, (7) Evangelistic Preaching: Twofold in Aim, Results and Proof, (8) Evangelistic Preaching: Twofold in Pattern and Content, (9) Good Manners in Evangelism, and (10) Conserving the Results of Evangelism.

This 220-page book is beautifully clothbound, stamped in gold and sells for only \$2.00. Send orders for *Evangelism: The Church on Fire* to The Regular Baptist Press, Department B, 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

Shamgar had an oxgoad,
David had a sling,
Samson had a jawbone,
Rahab had a string,
Mary had some ointment,
Aaron had a rod,
Dorcas had a needle,
All were used for God.

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By Jessie Rice Sandberg

As the Twig Is Bent

Anytime I am around some particular age group of young people for a prolonged period of time, I find myself thinking, "Isn't that the nicest age to be?" Babies are so sweet and dependent, six-year-olds are so full of fun and wonder, pre-teens so unpredictable and exciting, and young adults are so courageous and so confident that they can solve all the world's problems, singlehandedly if necessary. (I must be moving out of this age bracket—I've already discovered there are several things I can't handle—either alone or plurally!) Each age is winsome in its own way. How thrilling it is to watch the variety of changes from birth to maturity!

In our summer camp work Sandy and I have had a chance to get to know many teen-agers and post-teenagers and so that age group is beginning to find a certain special place in my heart. I love the blend of the childishness not quite gone and maturity not quite reached which is the typical characteristic of the teenage years. There is a certain beauty in a rose, no longer a tight little bud without individuality or fragrance, still not quite full-blown either. Such is the beauty of a teenager.

Several years ago a high school boy came to camp who was so unusually popular and still so unusually mature that he took the place by storm. Dave had all the most longed-for assets of youth—good looks, tremendous athletic ability, a pleasant personality and a complete lack of self-consciousness. He obeyed the camp rules and encouraged others to do the same. His enthusiastic spirit was so contagious as to be felt throughout the whole camp. Added to that, he was an earnest soul-winner and won more of his fellow campers to the Lord than did any single counsellor on the grounds! No one was surprised when he won the award for Best All-Around Camper.

The next year his sister, Diane, came to camp and it was soon obvious that she had many of her brother's attributes. She was pretty and friendly and she possessed the same spiritual depth we had noticed in Dave. Later she came back to work on the staff as a waitress in the dining hall during the summer months. Though she was popular and fun-loving, she did the work well which was required of her and graciously accepted additional responsibility when she saw the need. Both brother and sister were ideal campers, outstanding young people, and we often conjectured that they certainly must have come from a fine Christian home. You can imagine my surprise when someone told me that Diane and Dave were trying to win their own parents to the Lord. "Win their parents?" I asked incredulously. "I thought that surely those two young people had come from an ideal Christian home. I've never seen young people who have been given better character training than they."

Gradually in the years of working with young people I have begun to discover that children of unsaved parents who have been given careful moral instruction and character re-enforcement have a better chance of turning out right than do children of Christian parents who have never been taught that sin does not pay, that disobedience must be punished. Sadly enough, godly parents do not always produce godly children. Stranger yet, sometimes unsaved parents, because they are conscientious about moral training, make it easy for other people to win their children to the Lord.

Spiritual training and character training ought to be synonymous terms. The biblical meaning of the word "spiritual" does include those attributes which denote "charac-

ter." It is only in modern times that we have defined a spiritual home as being one where prayer is offered at the table, where church attendance is somewhat regular, where the parents enjoy a rather pleasant pious relationship with other Christians and a non-controversial one with the world in general. Unfortunately, this "spiritual" kind of home offers no guarantee that the children raised therein will grow up to love and serve the Lord. Eli, that great priest of God, died in heartbreak and shame because, as the Word of God says, "... his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." Spiritual training is incomplete and inadequate if it does not include the practical applications such as requiring instant obedience, respect for parents, a love for work, honesty, cheerfulness, etc. Shame on us, Christians, if we give the world an opportunity to sneer at our "spirituality" because of what they see in our children!

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6.

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

DR. BOB GRAY, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, held a revival recently in the Rose Park Baptist Church of Holland, Michigan. Rev. Garland Cofield, pastor, reports 84 additions to the church, 75 of these by profession of faith and baptism. In the last Sunday night service there were 30 people baptized in a service with an overflow crowd.

EVANGELIST GLEN SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, writes to report good results halfway through a meeting at the First Baptist Church of Hoopeston, Illinois. Nineteen had already come to profess salvation and over 50 Christians had come for assurance, rededication, and soul winning. In a small church meeting just preceding the meeting in Hoopeston, Brother Schunk reports 7 complete families added to the church.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, was with Sunnymeade Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 17-23. Rev. Lonnie W. James, pastor, reports 8 professions of faith, 7 additions to the church, and a deep moving among church folk. The pastor says, "Our church was truly revived. Brother Duncan's messages strengthened the local church. He is a pastor's friend. I heartily recommend him to any church." In a letter from Brother Duncan, he says that the Lord has given him 300 souls by profession of faith so far this year.

EVANGELIST JOE BOYD, 10315 Lake June Road, Dallas, Texas, held a seven-day revival in April at the Country Club Hills Baptist Church in Country Club Hills, Illinois. Charles Hand, pastor, reports 13 professions of faith and 3 who joined the church by letter in the services. Three others were saved in the home but were not able to make the matter public during the meeting. On the last day of the revival the church saw 189 in Sunday School—the largest since Brother Hand took the pastorate of the church eight months ago. At that time the average attendance was 30. Brother Hand heartily recommends Joe Boyd as a strong, fervent evangelist and of great blessing to the church.

MISSIONARY MEL RUTTER, P.O. Box 68, Natchez, Mississippi,

A heart-moving story is found in Luke 17:12-18. It has a lesson for all of us.

"And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

Only one out of ten, a bare ten per cent, returned to praise the Lord Jesus and gladden His heart with his thanksgiving, after ten were wonderfully, miraculously healed of a living death!

In a union revival campaign in 1947, at Altoona, Pennsylvania, a young man who sat in the big choir directed by Dr. Harry Clarke, was deeply convicted and came to Christ for salvation at the invitation time. The big platform of the Jaffa Mosque Auditorium was so crowded with choir and orchestra that he could not easily make his way to where I stood on the platform. So he leaped over the footlights to the floor and came as the others did to take my hand and claim Christ as Saviour. His earnest eyes with a hint of tears, his deeply-moved face, his strong handclasp told me how fully he gave himself to Christ as he answered my questions and then went to the inquiry room for further instruction. But after the benediction, when the crowd was drifting away and I stood to shake hands with one and another and answer questions, this same young man stood in line, waiting to speak to me. "Oh, I want to thank you for what you did for me!" he said. And with tears of gratitude he squeezed my hand and went away.

I went to the hotel with such a warmth in my heart that I did not lose for days! Some of those rescued from Hell, at least, appreciated the prayers and heartbreak and toil beyond expression that go into a great revival in the reaching of lost sinners!

Too often only one out of ten returns to give thanks to God for blessings received. And as Jesus was the human, as well as the divine, means of the healing of those lepers, He wanted them to return and thank Him.

reports good meetings held recently in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas. During the meetings there were 9 public professions of Christ as Saviour, 2 young men answered the call to preach, and 2 young preachers asked prayer concerning a call to the mission field. In addition, there were many decisions among Christians for Bible reading, prayer, and soul winning. Brother Rutter is an unusual, powerful preacher with a deep burden for missions and soul winning.

THE HAL WEBB TEAM, 508 Buse Street, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, held a meeting April 9-23 in the Calvary Independent Baptist Church of Saltville, Pennsylvania. Richard H. Meyers, pastor, reports many souls saved and a deep stirring among Christians in the church.

EVANGELIST A. K. PAULEY, Chattanooga, Tenn., held a revival at the Stateline Baptist Church, Stateline, Tennessee, recently. Rev. Charles Dorr, pastor, reports 13 professions of faith, 10 baptisms and a number of decisions for tithing and family altar. He says, "Brother Pauley preaches hard against sin, exalts Christ, and leads Christians into fuller service."

"But Where Are the Nine?"

By the Editor

Thousands of you have been stirred and blessed more than words can tell by THE SWORD OF THE LORD, by books and pamphlets published by the Sword of the Lord. It is now Letter Month, and the flood of letters piling in every day tell such a history of blessings that they have led us to tears of rejoicing and to audible praises many times already. We are having great mail.

But where are the nine? These hundreds, these thousands whom we have heard from are only a few out of the multiplied thousands of homes that receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Most of you are like the thoughtless lepers. They were cured of a most horrible disease. They were lifted from the depth of despair. Life for them was made worth living again. They received from the loving Saviour in a moment that which was worth many thousands of dollars. Yet they never returned to say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus!"

And thousands of you have never yet written to say that you were blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD, or the books we publish. Thousands of you have not expressed your gratitude for the tears, the prayers, the thousands of dollars and the toil indescribable which some of us have poured into this work of getting out the Gospel in print!

It is time for you to write your letter! If you are a good Christian, now is the time to prove it. Give God the praise and give His workers the encouragement that is proper and right, by writing your letter to Sword of the Lord during May. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," is a scriptural command.

In Luke 8:43-48 is the story of the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve long years and had spent all of her money upon physicians, neither could be healed of any. She came behind Jesus in the throng and stooped down and touched His garment, and in a moment she was wonderfully healed! She planned to keep it a secret. She did not want to tell of her female complaint and the long dragging years of suffering and near-despair. She was not a public speaker. She did not want to face the crowd. But Jesus insisted, "Who touched me?" and insisted that she speak up. Jesus wanted one who was blessed to say so! He wanted those who loved Him to claim Him. He wanted those who had received blessings to give God the glory.

Don't you see that it is a matter of Christian duty, a moral matter of right and wrong, to tell God and tell people of the blessings you receive? And we believe that

a fundamental Christian duty will impel the thousands of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to write us in the days that remain for the Letter Month of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Letter Month Offers

Let me remind you of our Letter Month offers.

1. Free pamphlet, *Jesus May Come Today*, plus a sample copy of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" on request to everyone who asks for them.

2. Free with \$5.00 order or gift, either the new 8-chapter book, *Will the Church Escape the Great Tribulation?* by John Linton, or the *Revival Specials* songbook, 93 solos, duets, choruses, with 25 songs by John R. Rice.

3. Free, either a beautiful Bible, good print, black cloth-board cover, gold paper jacket, or the 253-page book, *Ruin of a Christian* by John R. Rice, with a \$10 book order or gift.

4. The famous soul-saving booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Beautiful maroon ink on strong pink paper, half price, \$1.00 per hundred, plus 15c for postage and packing.

5. A whole lot of wonderful book bargains only \$1.00 each (value up to \$2.00 each).

Please address all letters to Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

"Where are the nine?"

Shall We Abolish Capital Punishment?

The capital punishment abolition campaign, stimulated by communist and leftwing groups, comes to a head in Sacramento, California, this week. Scriptures bearing upon capital punishment include: Gen. 9:6; Exod. 21:2; Lev. 24:17-20; Num. 35:21; Acts 25:11; Rom. 13:4.

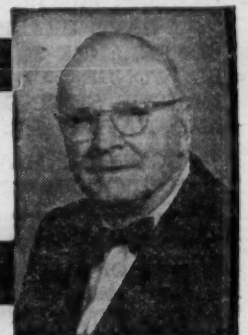
Bishop James Pike joined Rabbi J. P. Glaser in a widely publicized telegram to the legislature calling for abolition of capital punishment. "We oppose capital punishment because it violates the sacredness of human life... fails to deter people from crimes of violence and even encourages some warped and twisted personalities to take human life."

It is amazing the bishop had no twinges of conscience over the Castro executions, no public statements on slaughter of millions in China, but pleaded with Gov. Brown for Chessman!

—From *Blue-Print*, organ of Foothills Boulevard Baptist Church, Oakland, California, Dr. Archer Weniger, pastor.

Southwestern Idaho can hear the Revival Choir and Dr. Rice each Sunday at 8:00 AM on Caldwell's KBN, 910 kc.

Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



I quote from a letter that we received recently from a graduate of Bob Jones University who is doing a wonderful job in the evangelistic field. This alumnus says: "Enclosed is a small offering for Bob Jones University. Thank you again for founding the school. It is the best school I know of today where a young person can be trained and molded to meet the challenge of this generation."

My son, Bob, Jr., the president of the University, and I, the founder and chairman of the Board of Trustees, are not going to sacrifice the old-time, uncompromising, orthodox position on any compromise, evangelistic, educational al-

tar. We want all the world to know where Bob Jones University stands. If you are orthodox, and if you want to invest some of the Lord's money in a really honest-to-goodness, uncompromising, fervent, decent, orthodox, evangelistic, soul-winning, educational institution, you can safely invest this money in Bob Jones University. We will appreciate hearing from you, and we would appreciate your financial help; and please remember to pray for the school.

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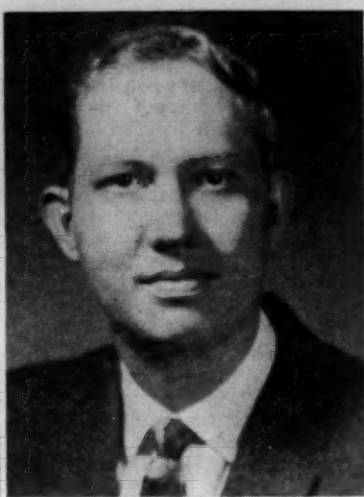
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Hospital Needed In East Pakistan

The death of a missionary child, Mary Barnard, in East Pakistan, pointed up the need for medical and surgical care in that remote corner of the earth. Not only was no adequate care available in that city of 300,000 where sickness struck, but also along a coastline of several hundred miles there was not one skillful surgeon. Thus, the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism was guided to open their portion of that field to medical-surgical evangelism.

Dr. Viggo B. Olsen and his wife have answered the Lord's call to this needy mission field. Part of their program will be to build a large eight-wing hospital in which to carry on their work under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Because the construction costs are low in East Pakistan, this modestly but sturdily built hospital can be erected for approximately \$100,000—one-tenth of the amount needed for such a building here in the States. A Christian contractor has already been secured to oversee the building work. Some of the money needed is already in hand and Dr. Olsen is trusting God to lay it on the hearts of Christians to provide the rest of the needed fund before he goes to the field this summer.

Of course, the Olsens only plan to use the medical work as an opening to preach the Gospel and reach the Pakistan people for



Dr. Viggo B. Olsen

Christ. The medical work then will be simply a tool for soul winning.

In addition to about a dozen medical workers that have already applied, several others are needed. Staff workers still needed include: three nurses, a dentist, a pharmacist, and anesthetist, a lab technician, and a medical secretary.

Additional information may be had about this project by writing Willis Print Shop, P.O. Box 263, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Facts About the House Un-American Committee

1. THE LEGISLATION UNDER WHICH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES OPERATES IS PUBLIC LAW 601, 79th Congress (1946), Chapter 753, 2nd Session.

According to Congressman Mailiard, "since 1953 on only two occasions have recorded objections been raised in Congress to the Committee's annual appropriation; there was only one vote in opposition in one instance and two votes in the other" (May 26, 1960).

2. DOES THE COMMITTEE INFRINGE UPON THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL?

If there is not conclusive proof of activity in the Communist Conspiracy, the Committee is required to question the witness in executive session in order not to injure his reputation or the reputa-

tion of other individuals. Many people are questioned whose names never appear in any newspaper or report. If the individual subpoenaed refuses to testify, he can take the 5th Amendment. Every witness is allowed legal counsel.

3. HAS AN INNOCENT PERSON EVER BEEN SUBPOENAED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE?

Competent investigators spend months of painstaking work to insure that no one is subpoenaed without evidence. Out of the 700, plus Communist witnesses subpoenaed not one to date has denied membership in the Conspiracy.

4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE—VOLUME 62203—Released December 30, 1960

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—"LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS BY H. C. U. A. and subsequent action taken by Congress or executive agencies—(A Research Study by Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress) U. S. Government Printing Office.

It was this Committee which brought to light, to state just a few, the espionage activities of Alger Hiss, William W. Remington, J. Peters, Gerhart Eisler, Arthur Alexandrovich Adams, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and Harry Dexter White. It has also revealed an insidious Soviet espionage plot involving the University of California Radiation Laboratory and other atomic installations (could this have anything to do with the protests of some of our California professors against the Committee?). It has also uncovered Communist infiltration in certain labor unions, political organizations, churches, schools and civic groups. THE PUBLISHED HEARINGS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL SHOW THE VALUE OF FACTUAL AND DETAILED EXPOSURE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNAL CONSPIRACY DESIGNED TO DESTROY AMERICA, AND WILL SHOW A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL HEARING BEING GIVEN TO EVERY WITNESS—May I urge that you read two recent HOUSE PAMPHLETS—No. 57964 COMMUNIST TARGET-YOUTH, A REPORT BY J. EDGAR HOOVER and No. 61432 O, Union Calendar No. 1014-86th Congress, 2nd Session . . . House Report No. 2228—"THE COMMUNIST-LED RIOTS AGAINST THE H.C.U.A. IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., MAY 12-14, 1960.

5. WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE COST THE TAXPAYER? It is, as Committee Chairman, Francis E. Walter pointed out in the 1959 annual report, relatively insignificant. "A nuclear submarine," said Walter, "costs \$49 million, an attack carrier \$280 million, a guided missile destroyer \$34 million. The Committee operated last year—and made its contribution to our defense effort in the vital field of information and legislation—on a budget of \$327,000, a small fraction of the cost of any major weapon in our military arsenal."

IT IS ESTIMATED THE COMMUNISTS HAVE VAINLY SPENT A MINIMUM OF \$100,000 TO ABOLISH THE H. C. U. A. DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS.

6. PRO-COMMUNIST INFIDEL PIKE REFUSES DEBATE WITH BAPTIST PASTOR.

Oakland Tribune—February 18, 1961—PASTOR ASKS DEBATE WITH BISHOP PIKE—"The Rev. Curtis R. Nims, pastor of the First Baptist Church in San Francisco, today challenged Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike to a public debate on the House Committee on Un-American Activities." "Pike has been sharply critical of the Committee and has declared its film, showing the student riots at its San Francisco hearing, is distorted. Nims today wrote Pike, noting the Bishop recently offered to debate Rep. Francis Walter, Chairman of the Committee. 'Since Chairman Walter wisely declined such a debate, I would like to accommodate you in order that your views might be heard,' Nims wrote. 'I am willing to debate with you in a public forum at your convenience, the following questions:

1. The public service value of the House Committee. 2. The effectiveness of the film, "Operation Abolition" in presenting a fair representation of the events surrounding the Committee hearing in San Francisco last May! ("Nims, who attended the hearings contends the film is authentic.") "Nims resigned from the board of directors of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches last week after it had adopted a resolution criticizing the film."

TO THIS DATE BISHOP PIKE HAS NOT PERSONALLY RESPONDED TO THE INVITATION.

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Introducing Evangelist Harold Boyd

We are happy to announce that Harold Boyd of Fort Smith, Arkansas, has recently entered the evangelistic field full time. He feels the Lord has called him into evangelistic work solely and is setting out to conduct revivals wherever God leads. He has pastored in Oklahoma and Arkansas and held successful revivals in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, and Colorado.

Brother Boyd believes in salvation by grace through faith,



separated living, eternal glory for the redeemed, eternal punishment for the lost, and the imminent, literal return of Christ.

Here are letters of recommendation from a number of preachers: Rev. Paul Cooke, pastor, First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma;

"Evangelist Harold Boyd is a modern-day example of God's 'workmanship . . . ' He has grown amazingly in grace and knowledge of our Lord . . . His messages meet modern day needs because they exalt only the Saviour who delivered him. I am happy to commend him to any church and pastor who desires a man of God with a message from God."

Dr. Benny Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Arkansas:

"It is with real joy that I commend to you Brother Harold Boyd as a servant of the Lord. Mr. Boyd has a genuine love for the Saviour and an unusual compassion for lost souls. His ministry in your church will be a blessing, I am sure."

Evangelist Jack Thompson, Fort Smith, Arkansas:

"The Lord has called another man into His work. I believe that Harold Boyd is called of God to do the work of an evangelist. Pastors that I have worked with often ask me to recommend to them evangelists whom I know. I am glad Harold is entering this field, because he is one that I can and will recommend to my pastor friends as a true man of God."

Rev. Al Norris, First Southern Baptist Church, Dove Creek, Colorado (Now serving in First Southern Baptist Church in Cortez, Colorado):

"Our church had the wonderful privilege of having Evangelist Harold Boyd for a one-week revival meeting during the fall of

1960. The church had a great revival to break out because of this meeting. Although we only had 12 additions during the meeting, we feel like it was the greatest meeting in the history of the church. The month following the meeting we received 29 into our fellowship and saw 34 to come by baptism in the next three months.

"I highly recommend Brother Harold Boyd as an outstanding evangelist and servant of our Lord."

Pastors interested in contacting Evangelist Harold Boyd should write him at 2800 Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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By Aunt Mary

It won't be very long before school is out! Our children are already looking forward to summer vacation. Already up-and-coming pastors and Sunday School teachers are making plans for Vacation Bible Schools.

And at our house the little boys are talking about going to the Bill Rice Ranch, Cumberland, for the Sword Conference for whole families. Vacations are few and far between at our house. We often spend the whole summer at home, except perhaps for short week-ends where Daddy Chuck is preaching in evangelistic meetings.

But this year our whole family is looking forward to a good week at Cumberland in August. Andy and Johnny talk about all the fish they are going to catch in the little lake. (They actually buy the fish from you, and cook them for supper sometimes.) All of us can hardly wait for a horseback ride. The girls and I are already planning the culottes, divided skirts that we will make to wear on the horses. (You can buy yours ready-made at nearly any store.) At the ranch we "ladies" don't

wear pants at all. But this year the culottes which we have always enjoyed wearing are actually high style.

Last year Cactus, the ornery old hoss I rode, was lots of fun, and this year I hope my horseback-riding skill will be improved. Perhaps they will let me ride a horse with "power steering" this summer. Tinier boys and girls will enjoy the pony rides.

But why am I telling you all this? Why, I hope you will come too! This is a conference for the whole family. You will especially enjoy the children's meeting we will have every morning. Uncle Chuck will help us with the music. There will be lots of good singing, and real fun together. Every morning Aunt Mary will tell you a story. I think you will learn some more about your favorite Bible friends, and surely it will be easier for you to please Jesus as you spend some time with other members of the *Sword Bearer's Club*. We want you!

Perhaps we will meet together under the trees, or sometimes in a nice screened-in cabin for fun and games and stories. I think you can be sure it will be fun and profitable. Of course we will go to the regular services, too. But for part of the morning, while grown-ups meet in one section of the grounds and young people meet in another group, we will have our own time of fellowship. And that is where I want to see you.

The afternoons will be plenty of time for fishing, miniature golf, pony rides, and other horse play. Do you like volley ball? We will try some of that. Is "Hide and Seek" your game? There are many hiding places. "Sardines," a kind of reverse of "Hide and Seek" might be even more fun. You remember "it" hides. When someone finds "it" he simply crawls in to hide, too. Finally when everyone but one is hiding, the last to find the "sardine can" is "it" for the next game. Uncle Chuck has planned games for all of us, but you can always find time to read a good book, or for your daily Bible reading.

We will enjoy plenty of good food in the new dining hall—beef, fish (we had a turkey dinner last year), lots of good fresh vegetables, tomatoes and corn—and a watermelon feed may be on the list.

Doesn't that sound like fun? Now ask Mother or Daddy to check *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and make plans for the whole family to come August 21-27 to Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I want to see your reservation soon. Here is a family vacation too good to miss, and so easy on the pocketbook your folks will hardly believe it is true. (Adults, base rate, cabin and meals, \$2.50 a day, \$14.00 per week.)

New members to *The Sword Bearer's Club* always make us happy. Have you gotten your application in yet? We are looking for yours and yours and yours.

Since you forgot last time, sit down right now and read the pledge carefully. Then asking God's help, sign your name, enclose 25c to cover the cost of your gold sword pin, and mail it to

APPLICATION FOR SWORD-BEARERS CLUB

Please enroll me as a member of the Sword-Bearers Club. I will aim to be a "good soldier of Jesus Christ" in everything I do. I promise, by God's help, to try to read at least one chapter in the Bible each day. I will set out to follow what the Bible teaches me. I will also take time each day to pray, asking forgiveness for my sins and help for the day.

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Bud Lyles

Hello again! As this is being written, April is coming to a close. Such a changeable month in this part of the country. We surely hope that May is mild wherever this finds you. Settle yourself in a comfortable place as we pass along to you some comments on a fine group of long-play albums of sacred music:

Heading the list this month is a very pleasant album featuring the voice of Dick Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner is known in the Midwest for his work in churches and on radio. Rev. James Draper performed the arrangements and produced this album. There is excellent support by a choral group of selected voices plus piano, organ and strings. Mr. Faulkner's voice is in the baritone range, smooth and controlled. Several recent compositions as well as some old favorites are among the twelve numbers. Some titles: *The Quiet Hour* (also the album title), *In the Sweet By and By*, *Blessed Quietness*, *I Believe in Miracles*, *Through Gates of Splendor*. Good Listening. ZONDERVAN ZLP-539

An outstanding album combines the artistry of Mr. Norman Treigle, leading bass-baritone of the New York City Center Opera Company, with the talented direction of Scott Douglas, his orchestra and chorus. The album is titled *I Love to Tell the Story*. Mr. Treigle's full, rich voice and clear diction give strength to his interpretation of each selection. When he is at home, Treigle does solo work at the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, La. The pastor, Dr. J. D. Grey, says, "I . . . give my personal commendation of this gifted musician and splendid Christian young man." You will like this album. Selections include: *Moment By Moment*, *Jesus Has Loved Me*, *I Am Not Worthy*, *After, Amazing Grace*. ZONDERVAN ZLP-569

A Service of Sacred Music is the title of the most recent album by the Moody Chorale. Mr. Don Hustad directs the group. Without question this is one of the very finest student musical groups any-

Aunt Mary, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Congratulations to our new members! I hope they are keeping their pledge: reading their Bibles each day, committing their ways unto the Lord. May you wear your pins with pride and joy in serving your Saviour.

Little Debby Broomell in Nottingham, Pennsylvania, is too young to be able to read. But Mother, who is also a new member, has promised to read a chapter a day to her, and Debby sits quietly and listens. They both enjoy *Kids Korner*, and say they love Aunt Mary. And I love you both!

Other new members are Vaughn Ullom in Washington, Pennsylvania; Tony and Nellie Mazzie in Detroit, Michigan; and M. Little in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Now get out your pencil and write:

where. Their concert work is known and loved both here and abroad. Tone quality, blend, dynamics are all on a professional level. In this album the Chorale performs thirteen selections with characteristically moving interpretation. Hustad's arrangements are beautiful. You will enjoy *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, *Flee As a Bird*, *Jesus Saves*, *The Lord Is My Shepherd* (the metrical version of Psalm 23 arranged by Hustad), *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*. A really outstanding choral album, it would be a fine addition to home or church library. WORD W-3148-LP.

Here is an album by the Anderson College Choir directed by Mr. Charles R. Stanley. The title is *Music of the Church of God*. Most of the seventeen numbers can be found in the *Hymnal of the Church of God*. Friends of the college will be especially interested. Many of our readers have heard this group in concert during their tours. We liked these: *Rise Up, O Men of God*, *It Is Well With My Soul*, *Jacob's Ladder*, *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*, and *Under His Wings*. WORD W-3123-LP.

Mr. Chuck Pugh, associated with Dr. George Palmer in the work of the Morning Cheer radio broadcast and Sandy Cove Bible Conference, directs the Sandy Cove Choralaires in an album called *Moments of Melody*. Here is a varied program of choral and instrumental music typical of the widely-known Saturday evening Family Concerts. Mr. Pugh has had thorough training and vast experience in the sacred music field. His wife, Betty, is an accomplished organist. This album has the lively, youthful enthusiasm which characterizes the Camp staff, many of whom are Bible school students preparing for Christian service. We enjoyed: *And Can It Be*, *What a Friend*, *My Song* (featuring the solo voice of Miss Carol Perkins), *Why Should He Love Me So*, *Work for the Night Is Coming*, and one which must be a favorite of the concerts, *"Train Medley"*. DIADEM DLP-126

Songs by Betty and Joe Springer of HCJB is a very pleasant album of solos, duets and instrumental selections. Mr. Springer has had long experience in radio in this country as well as in Ecuador. He is now the director of HCJB-TV, the Pioneer Missionary Telecaster. Mrs. Springer plays both piano and organ well and is heard in a solo on each instrument. In one of the duets this missionary couple sings a verse in Spanish. The style is soft, smooth and relaxing. You will like: *I Am Not Skilled*, *At the End of the Road* (piano solo), *Nothing But the Blood*, and *If We Could See Beyond Today*. Six selections on each side. DIADEM DLP-125

In an earlier column we reviewed an instrumental album by Miss Marcy Tigner. Now we have another album by Miss Tigner called *Happy Day Express*. It is delightful! With brief narrations by Alberta Shipley, Miss Tigner sings children's songs. An unusual quality makes her voice sound like that of a little child. The four youngsters at our house really enjoyed this one . . . and we did too. The songs include: *Jesus Loves Me*, *I'll Be a Sunbeam*, *Dare to Be a Daniel*, *Onward Christian Soldiers*, *Jesus Bids Us Shine*, *This Little Light of Mine*, *Jesus Loves the Little Children*,

and *The B-I-B-L-E. CORNER STONE MT 111-LP.*

Mr. Paul De Korte sings second tenor in the Gospels Male Quartet on radio and TV and is active in Christian activities in and around Kalamazoo, Michigan. On the album, *God Speaks*, Mr. De Korte sings twelve numbers with piano, organ, accordion and string accompaniment. Miss Dorothy Marsh provides soprano obligato for several selections. Side one seems to accent rhythm. The album is produced by Noordyk on their exceptionally quiet red vinyl disk. Familiar titles: *God Will Take Care of You*, *Until Then*, *No One Understands Like Jesus*, and *I Believe*. NOORDYK N-LP-15

And that wraps it up for this month. We appreciate your letters with comments and suggestions. Write to us at the address below. If you wish to order records which are reviewed in this column, check first with your local distributor or write directly to the company which produced the album you want.

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Elwin Anderson, evangelist of Spartanburg, South Carolina will be the speaker June 5-11. Cotton Nelms, pastor Temple Heights Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida will be the speaker June 12-18. Walt Handford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Wheaton, Illinois will be the speaker June 19-25.

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Half - Price Rates For Preachers

Preachers and Ministerial Students May Attend Sword Conference at Bill Rice Ranch July 2-7 for Only \$7.00!

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

We want to encourage several hundred preachers, ministerial students and missionaries to attend our great Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at the Bill Rice Ranch this summer. Dates are July 2-7. We will pay one half of the board and room expense in dormitory or cabin accommodations for any preacher or ministerial student. This means that for \$7.00 a preacher may receive a full week of great blessing at the Sword conference. I don't know of another opportunity like this anywhere in the world!

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We are doing this for one reason only. We have seen the lives of literally hundreds of preachers completely transformed at Sword conferences in years past. We know that many preachers will never be the same after receiving the practical help in soul winning, the plain teaching on the power of the Holy Spirit, prayer, and powerful preaching. Preacher after preacher has come to our conferences defeated and discouraged and gone home to preach with new-found enthusiasm and boldness. Pastors who have not been having souls saved in their church-

es have caught the vision of practical soul winning and have returned home to win hundreds of souls to Christ. For this reason we make this half-price offer to encourage hundreds of preachers to come.

Conference Speakers

Here is the line-up of speakers for this year's conference. Jack Hyles, dynamic and greatly blessed pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, will be speaking two days. Brother Hyles will be giving a two-hour course in soul winning and will lead us in one afternoon's house-to-house visitation work in Murfreesboro. Here is a man who knows how to get the job done. Last year he won 226 souls to Christ personally in his own house-to-house visitation ministry. In his first year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, he baptized 550 converts. In six years' time God used Brother Hyles to build the Miller Road Baptist Church of Garland, Texas, from 44 in Sunday School to more than 1,800.

Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga and president of Tennessee Temple Schools, will be speaking two days also. Each year Dr. Roberson baptizes approximately 1,200 converts. He has the largest Sunday School in the en-

Death, Our Enemy

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Eddy has remained there; and in all that time she hasn't moved a muscle or uttered a grunt. I had as soon be dead as be in a fix like that."

So says Noel Smith. And Smith is right.

Why not face this unpleasant fact? Face it sensibly. You can be ready for death. You can make preparation. "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on and are punished" (Prov. 22:3).

The familiar story of an ancient king and his court jester shows the folly of drifting and not deciding. The jester captivated the fancy of his monarch in such a way that he was presented by him with an elegant baton. The king said, "You keep this rod until you find a man more foolish than yourself."

Time passed and the king fell sick. The jester was called in. He found his monarch in great agony.

"What is the trouble?" the jester asked.

"Oh," said the king, "I feel very ill and fear I am about to go on a long journey."

"When will you return?" asked the jester.

"Never," said the king.

"What do you know about the country to which you are going?"

"Nothing."

"What preparation have you made for the journey?"

"None."

Solemnly the jester extended the elegant baton. "Your Excellency," he began, "you told me to keep this rod until I found a man more foolish than myself. Now you tell me you are about to take a trip from which you will never return, to a country about which you know nothing, and for which you have made no preparation. Here, take the rod."

Reader, you may be like that king. Be honest with yourself. The Bible says, "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). Have you done it? Or have you simply drifted until now? You need not remain in that dangerous state. Jesus Christ has an answer. Indeed, Jesus Christ is the answer.

tire southland. His messages will stir your heart.

Dr. Bill Dowell, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, will also be with us two days. Dr. Dowell is a great and fervent preacher. He not only knows how to build a great church, but knows how to tell others the secrets of doing so.

Dr. John R. Rice will be speaking daily through the conference. His messages will be practical and pungent dealing with matters of prayer, soul winning, the Christian home and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Bill Rice, greatly-used evangelist and director of Cumberland Christian Retreat, will be speaking several times. He is a real man's man and unusual preacher.

Evangelist Walt Handford, assistant editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, of Wheaton, Illinois, will be speaking several times and helping with the conference activities.

The conference begins Sunday, July 2 and continues through Friday night, July 7. Remember, preachers, missionaries and ministerial students can come at half-price in the dormitory or cabin accommodations. This includes registration, insurance, meals, and lodging. For others the basic rates are \$14 a week or \$2.50 per day. Children under seven pay only \$10 per week or \$1.50 per day. This is for lodging in duplex cabins with toilets and showers nearby.

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What to Bring

Bring bedding, including a light blanket or quilt and pillow. The

He did a work that will one day destroy death. Meanwhile, to commit one's life to Jesus Christ is the only adequate way to meet death.

2. The Force of Death

How powerful death is. Its intervention is sufficient to utterly change the plans of men.

A few months ago I drove by the governor's mansion in Lincoln, Nebraska. The hour was late and I noticed an ambulance at the front door. The next day we learned that Governor Ralph Brooks had been interned in a local hospital. After some days in the hospital he appeared to be convalescing. There was considerable speculation as to whether the governor would stay in the race for election to the U. S. Senate. One day the governor gave an important statement to the newspapers. He announced his decision to stay in the Senate race. It was front page news in the afternoon papers. But after the newspaper presses had begun to turn, Governor Brooks died. News of his death spread rapidly from mouth to mouth. And when the evening newspaper published the important announcement that Governor Brooks had determined to stay in the race for the U. S. Senate, everyone knew that the governor was already dead!

Death, even in prospect, has force enough to change man's very outlook on life. Christ referred to this when He spoke of the rich man. The man was boasting to himself. He said:

"What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:17-20.

The rich man was a fool because he trusted his possessions as an insurance policy. Listen to the way King Solomon expressed the same idea: "The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own conceit" (Prov. 18:11). There sits old Moneybags. His wealth surrounds him like a high wall. But in a moment, without warning, those walls collapse. Suddenly the rich fool finds himself without shelter. He has been surprised by the grim reaper's visit. What a shake-up in values! Happy the man who faces these facts in time. "Prepare to meet thy God."

Dives, so-called, is another rich man of whom the Bible speaks. Dives saw things differently when death came. The story is in Luke, chapter 16. There our Lord draws aside the separating veil to show us the lost world. Before us is the rich man. He is in the torments of Hell. He cries for mercy—if only a bit of water to cool his tongue. He is tormented in flame. Then comes a strange request full of pathos. Dives pleads for his five living brothers. He asks that the beggar who lay at his gate full of sores be sent to testify to those brothers to keep them from Hell.

Let us not debate the literalness of this description. To do so

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The Bill Rice Ranch on which Cumberland Christian Retreat is located is on Highway 96 (Franklin Road), nine miles west of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, five miles from the junction of 41-A and 96 Highway.

In addition to the four conference services daily, there will be horseback riding, fishing, shuffleboard, miniature golf, and many other activities. Many young people will be coming.

For reservations please write Sword of the Lord Conference, the Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



She Has Kids Korner at Conf.

Mrs. Mary Lloys Himes, wife of Evangelist Charles Himes and daughter of Editor John R. Rice, is known to thousands who read the "Kids Korner" in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, who pledge to read the Bible daily and be good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and who wear little gold colored swords as reminders, as "Aunt Mary."

"Aunt Mary" has four children of her own. All of her life she has been a Sunday School worker. Children and babies take to her as a duck takes to water, or as a youngster takes to bubble gum.

"Aunt Mary" will have a special hour for children, particularly those six to twelve, each morning 9:30 to 10:30, during the week of August 21-27 at the Sword of the Lord Family Conference at the Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Whole families will come with special meetings each morning for different groups, including women, men, young people, and children.

Plan now to come to the Sword Family Conference. Costs are from \$14 a week up.

is to miss the point. This is our Lord's picture of a reality horrible beyond human power to fathom. The world we live in is filled with facts, stark and terrible. Man's inhumanity to man, even in recent wars, has been so fearful it would crush any one of us if we were to feel its true impact. Yet men seek by argument to rule out the fact of God's future punishment for wicked men. Let those who will, prate their shallow nonsense. They are confident their credentials permit them to tell God what He cannot do in His universe. Such men will talk. Let them talk! But mark this fact. The truth presented by Jesus Christ will never be set aside. These are ultimate explanations of life's great enigmas. Christ can be trusted.

3. The Fearfulness of Death

The book of Hebrews tells why Jesus Christ came to earth. It was "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their life time subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14, 15).

The Bible declares the Devil had the power of death. With this weapon he sowed terror through the human family. Death is an awesome thing. Suddenly, without warning, it often strikes.

I remember such a case in Rosario, Argentina. The family had just inherited and taken possession of a new house. They planned a party to celebrate the event. The party was set for Sunday. They worked until late Saturday night making preparations. The man and his wife were both church members but had not attended for some time. The husband was active in a neighborhood club.

Sunday dawned bright and fair. The hour drew near for the party. Everything was ready. The tempting foods and drinks were on the table. The husband was hastening to bathe himself and welcome the guests. But then... As he reached the bathroom door, he suddenly felt dizzy. He leaned for a moment against the wall, then his

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Where Is Your Faith?

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cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

That is a glorious prayer. You do not wonder that Daniel Webster wanted it carved on his gravestone: "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

"When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; inasmuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when Jesus was come into the house his disciples asked him privately, Why

could not we cast him out?"

Well, sure enough, why couldn't they? When Jesus sent forth the twelve, one of the powers He gave them was power to cast out unclean spirits, and they succeeded. And later, when He sent forth the seventy, one of the powers He gave them was power against unclean spirits, and they succeeded. When they came back from one of their tours, one of their reports was: "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us, through thy name." But they failed this time, utterly. So they asked Him, when alone: "Why could not we cast him out?" Mark His answer! Oh, what an answer it is!

"And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer."

You observe that the word "fasting" is omitted in the American Standard Version.

Now you are ready to hear a briefer Scripture, from the eighth chapter of Luke:

"Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith?"

Where Is Your Faith?

"And he said unto them, Where is your faith?"—Luke 8:25.

Jesus said unto His disciples some nineteen hundred years ago, on the storm-swept water, when they were all affrighted and filled with dismay, "Where is your faith?" And Jesus says to a great audience of men and women assembled in Fort Worth, Tuesday evening, June 12, 1917, "Where is your faith?" This is a question that needs to be asked very often, and it needs to be faithfully answered when we ask it, for it is about the most vital matter of all, even our faith.

The conquering weapon is faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." His Book so tells us. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." We shall not have victory without faith. Of old, God's plaintive question to His Israel was: "How long will it be ere ye believe me?" And that is His question to His Israel this very hour. "O my people, how long will it be ere ye believe me?"

The undoing sin of Christians is their unfaith. We are all along saying, and correctly, that the undoing sin of the unbeliever is his unfaith. "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God," and while he remains in that unbelief must continue to be condemned. Rejection of Christ, unbelief toward Christ, that is the undoing sin. Even so, the undoing sin for Christians is their unfaith.

Of old Israel could not enter the Promised Land because of unbelief, and even today, and every day, God's people are kept out of many a promised land because of unbelief. We doubt God's ability, or we doubt His willingness, or both His ability and willingness, to help us, and we go our way, groping, and floundering, and failing. It is not only a pity, but it is a sin, deep and tragical, if we are not steadily growing in faith.

That was a beautiful tribute Paul paid the church at Thessalonica when he said: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly." It will not only be a misfortune, but it will be a sin if with you and me our faith is not steadily strengthening and growing.

Faith Misplaced When Depending on Appearances

But now the fact confronts us, as pointed by the text, that our faith may be misplaced. The faith of the disciples on that storm-swept water was evidently misplaced. They were disciples of Christ. They were His friends and followers. But their hearts failed, and their faith went down, and they fainted in spirit. Their faith was misplaced.

When is faith misplaced? I shall answer that it is misplaced when it is put in human appearances; and we are all along tempted to put our faith in mere human appearances. How we are influenced, how we are swayed, how we are lifted up or cast down, by mere appearances! If the weather be fair, if no lowering clouds come to menace, if all goes merry as a wedding bell, our hearts seem hopeful, and our faith buoyant. But that is not the test. How is it when the heavens are darkened with clouds? How is it when the loved one gasps, and the sands of life seem running to the end?

How is it when crepe is on the door? How is it when the granary seems scant and the crops have no promise? How is it when appearances are all against us?

Our faith is misplaced, if our faith is put in mere human appearances. That was a great saying given by a valiant leader when he said: "Never take counsel of your fears, or of appearances."

When Faith Is Relying on Human Agency It Is Misplaced

Our faith is misplaced, I go on to say, when we put it in human agency. And certainly we are greatly tempted, and constantly, to put our faith in human agency. But all along the Scriptures, by telling illustrations and by pungent precepts, would turn us away from putting our faith in mere human agency. The Bible tells us why God makes choice, as He does, of such remarkable instrumentalities. He has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, and the reason is given us there in His Book: "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

A generation or two removed from us, God startled the world by finding a lad yonder in the country place in England, not yet out of his teens, and God brought him up to the world's greatest city, to great London, and set him right there in its heart to preach His wonderful Gospel. Before this young man was thirty, royalty was at his feet, and the British Parliament marvelled at his power, and the lines of his testimony and power had gone out to the ends of the earth—Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the most victorious gospel preacher of all his century, and perhaps of any century since the apostolic times. He was a man uncolleged, and yet God said through him to the world about us: "I want you to look at this man and listen to him that your faith may not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

Our God is surprising us all along by His strange choice of human instrumentalities. There is the humble country boy. He has never been to the city at all. He is following his plow. He goes to the little country church house, in the quiet midsummer meeting. His heart is moved, his conscience probed, his judgment convinced, his will aroused, and he bows down in humble penitence before Christ, and he is saved. And then he follows his plow still again and strange impulses stir in his heart, and great thoughts burn in his brain. He is thinking about preaching the Gospel. He is thinking about going out and telling the world what a dear Saviour he has found, and how he would have every man know the same

blessed Saviour.

The years pass on, several of them, half a dozen, a dozen, and yonder is the country lad in a surging city, rallying the tempted thousands of sinning, beaten and wandering humanity, rallying them around the flag of Christ Jesus, the Lord. Who is he? A plain plowboy, clothed upon with the grace and might of the Spirit of God, and in him and through him God is saying to the world: "See him now, and listen to him, and remember, your faith is not to stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

Oh, how it gladdens my heart this Tuesday night to have the faith to believe that somewhere in this broad country, out on the prairies, or out yonder nestling amid the trees, in some little cottage, a mother folds to her heart a tiny baby boy, and when you and I shall be sleeping beneath the roses, and shall be perhaps forgotten, that boy will be going up and down this country, rallying the wavering, sinning thousands around the flag of Christ, a child out from some home of poverty and need, and God will be saying through him to the world: "See him, now, and listen, that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

Misplaced Faith Wants One's Own Way

But I think that most of all our faith is misplaced because we limit God. That is a striking expression used in one of the Psalms, where the psalmist said concerning Israel of old: "They limited the Holy One of Israel." They "limited God." Mankind can limit God, and does limit Him. At first thought, that seems impossible. The infinite God, filling all immensity, without beginning of days or ending of years, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal—at first thought it seems impossible that He could be limited, and yet He can be, and is, limited. Man limits God, else man is a mere machine, without any more volition than a tree or a stone. Man can say "No" to God, or man can say "Yes" to God. Man can seek God's face, and by divine grace become God's friend, and go God's road, and glorify God's great name; or man can be rebellious, and offer his protest against God, and turn his back upon God, and miss the right way, and come to defeat and failure. Man limits God. How does he limit Him? The ways are many.

We can limit God even in our very prayers. You have probably heard prayers which had in them a limitation upon God. Full many a time when we pray that prayer, "Not my will, but thine, be done," our hearts really mean: "Not thy

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WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

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will, O God, but mine, be done." Ofttimes we are found trying to persuade God to come to our notion of things, and accept our view of things, without regard to His wisdom and will. All the while He tells us: "You leave your case to Me, and trust your case to Me, and submit your case to Me, and I will do the wisest and best thing possible for you," and yet full many a time our prayers really mean: "Nevertheless, O Lord, not thy will be done at all, but mine be done," and in that way we limit Him.

Poor Lives Limit God

And then we limit God by our poor lives. Every life is either a channel or a clog, a channel through which God sends His blessing, or a clog to hinder and obstruct such blessing. A human life can be a non-conductor, failing to transmit to others what God would send through that life unto others. That is indeed a pathetic picture, where Paul writes one of the New Testament churches, saying: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you, even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." Paul was writing to a church, and he was saying to that church: "Some of you church members so walk as to become the enemies of the cross of Christ."

Your attention has been called to that solemn picture in the last book of the Bible, where Jesus stands outside a church begging to be admitted. Listen to Him:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Jesus is there, outside a church—outside! His own people have the door closed, and have Him outside, and there He stands on the outside, knocking, and saying: "Won't you let me enter? for I come to do you good, and not evil at all." "O Jesus, thou art standing outside the fast-closed door!" Can you think of anything more heart-breaking this night than to imagine yourselves keeping Jesus out, keeping Jesus away from some other life, yourself a clog, obstructing, yourself a non-conductor? He wishes to send through you a message of life and grace and hope to others, and you are a non-conductor. Can you imagine anything more serious than that? We limit God by our lives. Every Christian whose life is wrong with God positively hinders God and limits God by that much.

Our Unbelief, the Greatest Hindrance to Blessing

But most of all, we limit God,

I dare say, by our unbelief, our unfaith. Israel could not enter the Promised Land because of unbelief; and you and I are kept out of many a promised land because of unbelief, because of unfaith. Jesus wishes us to believe in Him. The right sort of a man delights to be believed in. You cannot grieve the right sort of a man in any other way quite so deeply as to indicate to him that you do not take him at full face value, as he represents himself to you. The right sort of a man wishes to be believed in, to be taken at his word. God delights to be believed in, and the deepest grief to Him is given Him by our unfaith, our unbelief.

We are told here in the gospels that in one certain community Jesus could do no mighty works because of the unbelief of the people. Unbelief hindered Him. Unbelief fettered Him, even Christ Jesus the Lord. And so He comes to us tonight saying: "According to your faith, so be it unto you. Where is your faith?" He comes to us tonight saying: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Where is your faith?"

We are all along talking about "hard cases." Now, how foolish and unwise and wrong is such talk, when we think of God. He asks us: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" That was a mighty question Paul asked when he asked: "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" Granted a God who has all power in Heaven and earth, and who formed the worlds by the word of His power, granted a Being like that, and where is there any difficulty or mystery in such a God raising people from death and the grave? So that our talk about "hard cases" in God's sight is all out of place and grievous in His holy presence.

I wonder, my fellow Christians, if in these latter days, our faith gets much higher for mankind than for the salvation of the children in the Sunday school, and the plastic, responsive young people that are all about us. Where is the faith now that claims the hardened sinner for Christ? Where is the faith that claims the old man with the gray about his temples, far down in the afternoon of life—where is the faith that claims that man for God? Where is the faith that claims the man abandoned to sinful and consuming habits? Where is the faith that claims him for God? Where is the faith that claims the big business man, great and strengthful, masterful and powerful, but preoccupied, living as though this world were all, forgetting that out there a few steps ahead is the judgment and eternity? Where is the faith that claims him, from all that preoccupation, for Christ

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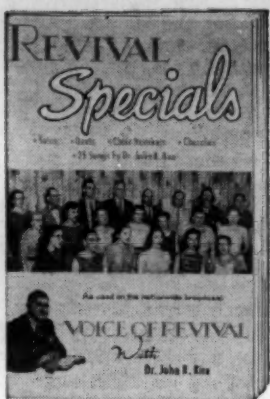
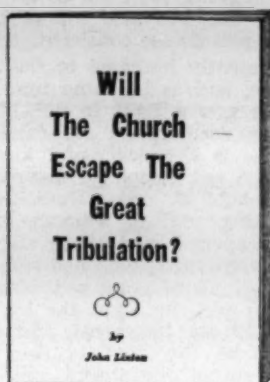
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WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

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Jesus and His great salvation? Where is the faith that claims the very difficult case for the Lord Christ?

Oh, how we limit God, that we do not go out and claim men, no matter what their hindrances and their limitations and their sins! How we grieve God, if we do not go out and claim them in the name of Christ, even the most difficult cases, for the wonders of His grace and His great forgiveness!

Big Jim's Wonderful Conversion

May I tell you the most wonderful conversion that I ever witnessed in all my life? Out in the Middle West, where it has been my delight to go many a time, in the outdoor camp-meetings, some years ago I went and found in that particular community some very difficult religious conditions. There were more aged people in that community unsaved than I have ever witnessed anywhere in all my life, before or since. The religious conditions of the community were hard and difficult. The people were set and gritty and hard in their relations toward one another. What a tragedy when that is so! I was there some two or three days, and more and more it dawned upon me how difficult all the conditions were. They told me daily about those white-haired men and women who went groping life's way, without God and without hope.

After some days they told me about Big Jim, the most difficult sinner, they said, west of Fort Worth, even as far west as El Paso. They so described him physically that I could not miss him if he came to the meeting, and they said: "He will come one time to hear you, and then he will swear at you, and rail at you, and curse out the whole meeting, and the preachers and the churches and everybody, and then he will wait a year and come back a year from now to go over the same performance again." That was their report of him.

I stood up to preach one evening and in came Big Jim. I could not miss him from their description. Yonder he sat, far down the aisle before me, at the rear of great arbor, nor did he take his eye, it seemed, one time from the minister while his message was being given. At the close of the message, I made the call for men

and women who would then and there humbly and honestly make surrender of their poor, undone and sinful lives to the forgiving mercy and help of the Divine Saviour, and down every aisle white-haired men and women came. It was one of those memorable nights, never to be forgotten.

Big Jim kept his seat, nor did he seem to move. After awhile the meeting ended and the people gathered about me, or gathered in little groups to discuss the wonders that their eyes had witnessed that night. One after another was named who had "come over the line" and made the great surrender that night to Jesus. And then, ever and anon, these talkers would make a passing remark about the presence of Big Jim, and they speculated about his presence, and about the possibility of his coming any more. One said: "No; he will not be back. He will swear at our preacher and at all the Christian people, nor will he return until next year." But another said: "Yes; he had a different look on him tonight from what I have ever seen before. I look for him to come again. Never did I see him look as he looked tonight." And so they talked pro and con.

Presently the preacher slipped away from the crowd, for it was late, and wended his way around the hillside to the little cottage far removed from the camping throngs, where he might have quiet and rest, and as he went around that little mountain side he heard somebody talking. Oh, it was so earnest! The preacher did not mean to be an eavesdropper, and yet he seemed chained in his very tracks. And when he stopped and listened to that strange talk, he discovered in a moment what it was, and that there were two of them, and that they were praying, for one, who spoke for the two, said:

"We two, O Christ, agree we want Big Jim saved, that the mouths of gainsayers may be stopped in this country. They are saying, O Christ, that Big Jim is too much for God, that even God cannot stop him. They are saying that, and we want the mouths of gainsayers stopped, and the whole land to know that Christ is able to save even the chief of sinners; and we two, here on the mountain side, late in the night, give Thee Big Jim, believing Thy great promise: 'If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.' For the glory of

Christ, simply and only, we pray you, save Big Jim."

I went quietly on my way. I do not know who they were, who thus were praying. I never knew. I found my cottage, and the night passed, and the next day came and wore to night-fall, and I was again under the arbor, facing the mass of people. I stood up to preach and looked everywhere, but Big Jim was not present. But just as I began to speak, in he came, at the same place as on the previous night, and then my message seemed to fly away, and I said: "We will pause and ask God to give the preacher what he ought to say. He does not know. He would speak God's message, whatever it is, tonight, and this man will lead us in prayer that the preacher may speak what and as Christ would have His preacher tonight to speak."

And the prayer was finished, and then the preacher began again, and told simply and only that story of the prodigal son, the easily influenced, impulsive youth, restless, dissatisfied, who went away from home against the protests of wisdom and love, and took his part of the inheritance, and went down the toboggan slide at a rapid pace, and wasted all his substance in riotous living. And when his substance was gone, his friends were gone. The hail-fellows-well-met of the other days had fled, and he was down yonder in the swine fields, this lad, feeding the swine, himself eating of the husks wherewith he fed the swine. One day, as the Scriptures tell the story, the young fellow "came to himself." He saw himself as he was. Memory was alert, and the months and the years of his separation from home came trooping back to his recollection, and the young man said: "I have sinned. I have missed it. This is the way of defeat and death. I will go back to Father, and I will confess in His sight and in God's sight how I have missed it, and how I have sinned."

And then he put that kindling desire into effect, that sublime resolution into action, and he betook himself back the homeward way, and as he came toward the old home the father saw him, even from afar; the father was waiting, longing to see him; and down the road the father came and put his arms about the boy, as the boy began his confession, and the father called to a servant: "Bring the best robe for this boy," and to another: "Kill the fatted calf," and to another: "Bring the ring to put on this boy's finger," emblem of the love that never dies. And there was music, and there was rejoicing, and there was victory.

That was all I said, except that I added: "This story of the prodigal son is simply a picture of the love of God going out after any soul on earth that has wandered away from God, which soul God wishes to forgive and recover and save, and will so save, if such soul will come to Him." And then I said: "Will the audience remain seated? Without any singing at all, is there some man here tonight, a prodigal, far from Heaven and God, who says: 'I want God's mercy, and I will honestly yield myself to God to get it,' let him come and take my hand."

Would you believe it? Big Jim started. Oh, the sight, the sight, the sight! And presently the men saw him coming and hundreds of sobbing men stood to their feet and sobbed aloud, and as he came down the aisle slowly, for it was with difficulty he walked, hundreds of men joined him and came down with him. And when at last he got to me and took my hand, he said: "Sir, I put you on your sacred honor; will the Great Master save me, if I will give up to Him?"

And I said: "Sir, on my sacred honor, I declare that He will, if you will just honestly surrender your case to Him."

And the men put in with voices, scores and scores: "It is so, Jim. We made the surrender and He saved us. You make it, and you will find out for yourself."

And then again, waiting a moment, he looked at me, still holding my hand, and said: "I want you to remember, sir, that you are speaking to the worst man out of perdition. Would the Master save a man like that, if he would give up to Him?"

I said: "Sir, on my Master's

own statement, I declare to you that He will save you, even if you are the chief sinner out of perdition, if you will honestly surrender to Him."

And they punctuated my remark with a chorus: "It is so, Jim. Try it and you will find out."

Once again he looked at me and then he said, finally: "Sir, when would the Great Master save me, if I should give up to Him now?"

And I said: "Sir, on His own word, which many of us have proved, our Great Master will save you, and your heart shall know that your sins are forgiven right now, if right now you will honestly surrender to Him."

And then he turned that big bronzed face upward, as if looking for the Master Himself, and he gasped out his prayer, just this: "Lord Jesus, the worst man in the world gives up to you right now."

Oh, I cannot tell the rest! I do not think the angels could tell the rest. I think if the archangel himself should come down from those starry heights, that the words of that angel would be inadequate to tell you the rest. God unloosed Big Jim's tongue and he began to talk, and then the old men kissed him, and the old women kissed him, and the young men kissed him, and the young women kissed him, for the chief of sinners had been saved.

What is there wonderful about such a story? Not a thing on the face of the earth, if you will grant that Jesus Christ is divine, and that He came in the flesh to save sinners, and that His divine grace is mightier than any human sin, however long-continued and however heinous. O men and women, you and I limit God because of our unfaith with respect to aged and hardened and difficult and preoccupied cases that are all around us.

God's Word Claimed Strengthens Faith

But there is another word for me to bring you. How may we strengthen our faith? That is what you and I wish to know. How may you and I strengthen our faith? I have two or three simple suggestions. First, if we would strengthen our faith, we need to make it a matter of prayer. I read you the passage of Scripture telling of a group of men who failed in their faith, and when they got Jesus alone they said: "Why was it we failed?" Mark His answer: "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer."

If you are not a man of prayer, you are not a man of faith. If you are not a woman of prayer, you are not a woman of faith. The men and women who do not tread

the secret path of prayer are men and women spiritless and broken and without faith. If you and I would have conquering faith, then you and I must make it a matter of constant prayer. Once when Jesus gave His disciples a great task to accomplish, they cried back unto Him: "Lord, if you expect that of us, increase our faith." And so you and I are to come to Him, saying: "If you expect this, or that, or the other great achievement, even the achievement of winning some poor soul, bedarkened and blinded by sin, away from such dreadful path to God, then increase our faith."

How may our faith be increased? If it is to be increased, then let us plead the promises of God. Oh, how great a privilege to plead the promises of God! Of old, one had a way of talking to God like this: "Do as thou hast said." And when you and I come to pray, we need to fill our mouths with arguments to God, and those arguments are His own promises. "Lord Jesus, here is what thou hast said, and we plead that. We fill our mouth with thine own argument, and we plead that before thy face. Do as thou hast said. Do as thou hast said."

What if hundreds and hundreds of these men and women before me should go apart in groups of two and should say: "Lord Jesus, here is a case, oh so difficult, speaking after the fashion of men—so difficult, so hopeless, but not at all difficult and hopeless if God will take charge of the case, and, therefore, we two take up thy promise where thou sayest: 'If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father in heaven.' Do as thou hast said. We plead this promise, and rest on it. Do as thou hast said."

Seek the Guidance and Power of the Holy Spirit

How are we to strengthen our faith? I have still another word. If we are to strengthen our faith, then we are to seek the guidance and power of God's Divine Spirit. In this divinest work of all, the work of winning souls to Christ, all along we are to seek the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, how wonderful is His guidance, and how marvelous is His power! He does guide His people. There is such a thing as being led of the Spirit of God, and in this divinest work of all, the work of winning souls, we shall miss it utterly and be marplots if we are not guided and empowered by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God does teach, guide and empower the servants of Jesus in

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You will also find it interesting to compare Hannah's song of praise, verses 1-10, with the thanksgiving of the Virgin Mary when she learned she would be the mother of the Saviour, in Luke 1:46-55.

Clues Across

- 2 "He ----- keep the feet of his saints"
- 5, 29 "And I will ----- me up a ----- priest that shall do according to that"
- 9 "there shall come forth a rod out of the ----- of Jesse" Isa. 11
- 11 son of Shem (Gen. 10:22)
- 12 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the -----" Gal. 3
- 14 "they have ----- up the women" Amos 1
- 16 "For ----- have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come" Heb. 13
- 17 "the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine -----"
- 18 "them that honour ----- I will honour"
- 19 "He raiseth ----- the poor out of the dust"
- 20 abounding
- 22 "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it ----- the day of Jesus Christ" Phil. 1
- 23 "The Lord give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is ----- to the Lord"
- 25 "I shall ----- praise him for the help of his countenance" Ps. 42
- 26 a mighty man of valour (I Chron. 5:24)
- 29 see 5 across
- 32 "The adversaries of the Lord shall ----- broken to pieces"
- 33 "I am the Lord, and there is none -----" Isa. 45
- 34 "did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my -----?"
- 38 father of Eliasaph (Num. 3:24)
- 39 sister-in-law of Ruth (Ruth 1:4)
- 40 "Abraham dwelt at -----sheba" Gen. 22
- 42 son of Jahath (I Chron. 4:2)
- 45 "now the Lord saith, ----- it far from me"
- 46 "-----, I am with you alway" Matt. 28
- 48 distress signal
- 49 "wayfaring men, though fools, shall not ----- therein" Isa. 35
- 50 "my mouth is enlarged over mine -----"

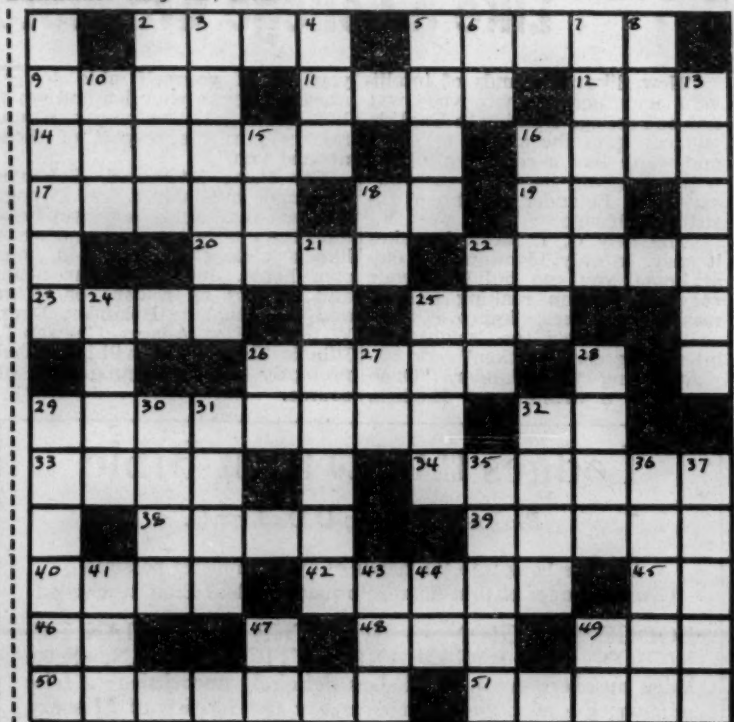
- 51 number of sons Hannah bore after Samuel

Clues Across

- 1 "and heard all that his sons did unto all -----"
- 2 "when he was come near, he beheld the city, and ----- over it" Luke 19
- 3 "that I may ----- unto you some spiritual gift" Rom. 1
- 4 "as many as are ----- by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" Rom. 8
- 5 "let us run with patience the ----- that is set before us" Heb. 12
- 6 "I ----- a woman of a sorrowful spirit" I Sam. 1
- 7 "I laid me down and -----; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me" Ps. 3
- 8 "Because he hath inclined his ----- unto me" Ps. 116
- 10 sesame
- 13 "Thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the ----- which God shall give"
- 15 a son of Gad (Gen. 46:16)
- 16 "evil shall ----- the violent man to overthrow him" Ps. 140
- 18 "Put -----, I pray thee, into one of the priest's offices"
- 21 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so ----- (1) the law of Christ" Gal. 6
- 22 a son of Bani (Ezra 10:34)
- 24 "put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount -----" Deut. 11
- 25 a dog's sudden cry
- 26 initials of Samuel's father and mother
- 27 initial of prophet who saw the Lord, and the king whose death occasioned it (Isa. 6:1)
- 28 "He will ----- the feet of his saints"
- 29 "she that hath many children is waxed -----"
- 30 "was in the ----- that is called Patmos, for the word of God" Rev. 1
- 31 "Lest he ----- my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces" Ps. 7
- 32 "Flee as a ----- to your mountain" Ps. 11
- 35 "Give flesh to ----- for the priest"

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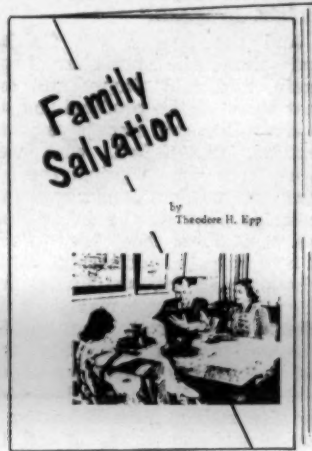


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- 36 cavalry sword with curved blade
- 37 "----- shall not be an old man in thine house"
- 41 long period of time
- 43 "Jesus, when he had found a young -----, sat thereon" John 12
- 44 "-----, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters" Isa. 55
- 47 small town which defeated Israelites (Josh. 7)
- 49 son of Judah (Gen. 38:3)

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WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

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this holiest task of all, this work of winning souls to Christ. "When he is come," Jesus has promised it, "He will guide you into all truth." "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

O brothers mine, you and I, with all humility and earnestness, want to ask God to guide us in this work we are in and to give us His own wisdom and power at every step that we take.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

You and I want the guidance and the power of the divine Spirit in this heavenly task to which we are these days, please God, to put our hands.

Wonderful, how wonderful, is God's leadership by His Spirit and His power when we yield ourselves to Him! How wonderful it is!

A few years ago I was in Minneapolis, that beautiful city of the Northwest, at one of the Bible conferences for the Northwestern states, speaking there daily for some two weeks, and it was my privilege while there to have daily fellowship with that nobly gifted preacher, Wayland Hoyt, one of the first preachers of his generation. I had heard of an incident in his life, and I asked him about it, and he confirmed it. This was the incident:

Dr. Hoyt had prepared with unusual care in the other years a special sermon, hoping to reach one of the first citizens in his city on a certain Sunday night, with that same sermon. This citizen was an outstanding citizen, but not a Christian, and rarely came to church. The wife was a devoted Christian and church member. So at the Sunday morning service Mr. Hoyt signalled quietly to the wife, and sent by her a message to the distinguished husband: "Tell him that I ask specially that he will come tonight. I have prepared a sermon, hoping earnestly to help him. Tell him I ask him to come, I wish him to come."

The wife gave the message when she reached home, and the husband went to the telephone—he was a gentleman in every instinct and habit of his life—and took down the receiver and called the minister and gave the minister his grateful thanks for his cordial invitation, saying: "Certainly, I will be there tonight. How kindly, how considerate of you to be so interested in me. Certainly, I will be there to hear you."

But before the nightfall a blinding storm filled the heavens, and the floods poured out of the clouds, and the people could not gather. Only a little handful hard by the church could gather at all. The minister made his way to the church and spoke to the little handful, but the one citizen he had thought about and specially prepared for was not there.

The minister went home with his heart heavy, and he sat there late and long in his library that Sunday night, and he fell to musing like this: "What a poor out I am making reaching that man!"

And then something said to him: "Why don't you imitate your Master and go to the man and preach your sermon to just one man, as Jesus after nightfall preached His sermon on the new birth to Nicodemus, that fine citizen of old? Why don't you walk in the steps of your Master and preach your best sermon to one man?" And that suggestion fairly boomed like a cannon in his ears and heart. He looked at his watch. It was midnight. He said: "Why, I could not go this late at night." And he sat, still thinking further, and something seemed to say to him, did say to him: "If you knew that that man's house was in danger, or that his family were in danger you would brave any sort of weather to help them. Though the storm beat down the avenue, you would breast it to go and apprise him of the danger. Why won't you be consistent about the biggest, most important thing of all?" And then Dr. Hoyt said he found himself putting on his rain-

coat. He opened the door and breast the great storm that still swept down the avenue. Block after block he trudged his way through the blinding storm. He said he found himself talking to himself, saying to himself: "Maybe the man will say I am crazy. Maybe I am, but God knows I am trying to do the consistent thing."

Presently he came to the right house, and as he came toward it there was a light in one of the lower rooms, and he came up softly to the door, and knocked gently, not caring to disturb the household at one o'clock in the morning, and in a moment the door opened, and there standing was the citizen who had not been in bed at all, and out into the storm and the night the big citizen thrust his arms and drew Wayland Hoyt out of the night and out of the storm, and drew him to his heart, and sobbed over him as a mother would sob over her children, saying to him: "Thank God, Mr. Hoyt, He sent you here to teach me how to be saved. I have been there in my library, reading the Bible and trying to pray. That word you sent me waked me up and stirred my heart. The storm kept me from going to church, but I could not sleep. I have been there reading the Bible and trying to pray, but it is all dark to me. Jesus sent you to teach me."

And Wayland Hoyt told me that in five minutes his interested citizen was rejoicing in Christ Jesus the Lord. What if Wayland Hoyt had not gone? God pity me and you maybe, as time and again your heart ached with a longing inexpressible for some lost soul, but you said: "I am unworthy. I am incompetent. I am unfit." And you deadened your impression, and you went your way, and such soul went his way, and maybe has gone into eternity ere this Tuesday night.

Oh, seek the guidance of God's Spirit for this task, and then follow Him!

We are going in a moment, for my message is done. I have a question to ask you, and you will answer it candidly. This is the question: Is there somebody in

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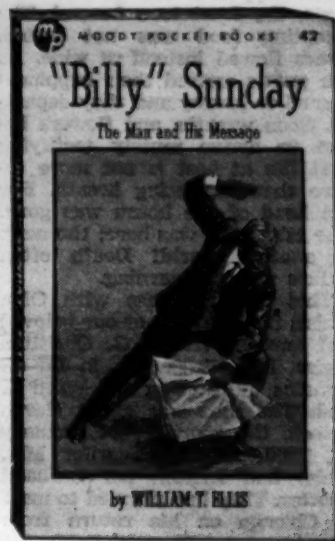
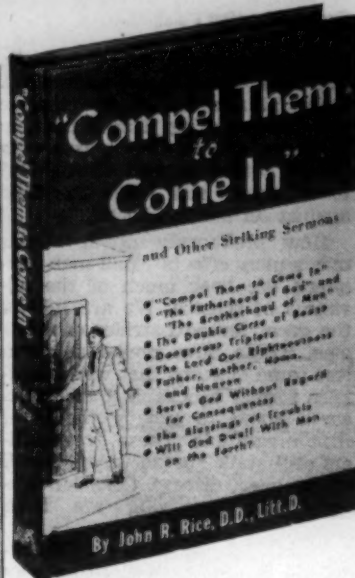
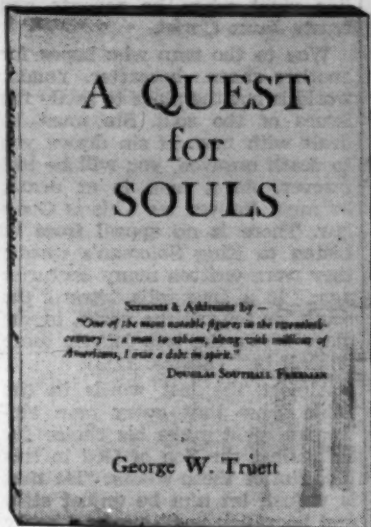
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Death, Our Enemy

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knees doubled and his body fell heavily to the floor.

At this very moment several guests and relatives entered the house. All rushed to assist the stricken man. But there was little to be done. Life had already fled.

So happiness changed to hysteria, the feast to a funeral. The tempting food was not tasted. Tears flowed instead of wine. As the guests arrived their happiness turned to horror and they departed. Soon wreaths and flowers began to arrive mutely testifying that life at best is not more secure than a passing breath. For the head of the house was gone. One minute he was here; the next, in another world! Death often strikes without warning.

This was the case with Olga Weiss, the late wife of our beloved and honored friend, G. Christian Weiss. Mr. Weiss was in far-off Jamaica ministering the Word of God. The time was about eleven o'clock the morning of January 26, 1960. An hour earlier Mrs. Weiss had written her husband a letter. They had planned to meet in Chicago on his return from Jamaica. A relative visiting in the home passed her as she worked in the kitchen preparing the noon meal. Without warning of any sort, Mrs. Weiss suddenly slumped over the table. Moments later her spirit had gone home to God.

Yes, death is fearful because of the very suddenness with which it strikes. Such realities are strange and terrifying. But they are realities. Every man and wom-

en should think and act wisely before the time. Someone has said:

Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face,
Dear ones will clasp me in fond embrace,
Shadows and darkness will fill the place,
Five minutes after I die.

Faces that sorrow I will not see,
Voices that murmur will not reach me,
But where, oh where, will my spirit be
Five minutes after I die?

Science cannot conquer death. Let this be clearly understood. Only faith in Christ can remove the enemy's sting. This is possible because faith in Christ assures a bright future beyond death. But today death still holds the field against all man's efforts.

How stubbornly death resists man's puny efforts. Shall man conquer? We hear much of the advances of science. We are told of the great forward strides of medicine. These have rendered harmless some diseases that were deadly in former epochs. But other diseases come to occupy places of first magnitude. These great killers still stalk abroad today. Think of the heart disease. Consider cancer. How terrifying are their ravages.

Infant mortality has been reduced. But has there been any marked increase in the longevity of the human race? The Psalmist wrote on this subject three thousand years ago. His words are as modern as tomorrow's newspaper. He said, "The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Ps. 90:10).

4. The Finality of Death

Let no one be deceived. God has made a way for lost men. Eternal life can be had in this life. But the question must be decided before death. To miss life here is to miss it forever. Salvation is offered to us now. "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

No man is wise who hopes to

change the course of his life at the last. All men want to die well. That was the desire of wicked Balaam. Said he, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his" (Num. 23:10). But Balaam did not turn to God. He continued in sin. And the Bible marks his sad end. He died wrong. He died in the wrong place. He died with the wrong crowd. The only sure way to die right is to live right. And a man starts to live right when he repents and trusts Jesus Christ.

Woe to the man who hopes for another chance hereafter. Yonder world is not the place to settle the issues of the soul. Sin must be dealt with now. If sin draws you to death unsaved, you will be lost forever. As a man is at death, he must forever be. This is God's law. There is no appeal from it. Listen to King Solomon's words; they were written many centuries ago: "If a tree falls toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be" (Eccles. 11:3).

Almost the last words in the Bible show that every man and woman must make his choice for or against the Son of God in this life. Notice these words: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still" (Rev. 22:11).

Tom Paine lived an evil, godless life. He died the same way. His dying agonies were fearful to witness. One who was present said, "The scene to me was appalling, and I wished to leave at once. I remember him as he lay with his head near the door we entered, his eyes glaring, his tongue uttering imprecations—apparently in agony of body and mind. His screams could be heard at a great distance. As I shrank back, they say he called on Jesus Christ for mercy one moment and blasphemed the next." So wretchedly unclean was Paine's blasphemous language that his nurse was forced to leave the room. She declared she would never stand at the deathbed of another infidel.

The details of the death of Voltaire are well known. When he was told that he could live but a little while, he pleaded with the doctor to spare his life for a month. The doctor answered that he could not guarantee him an hour of life. Voltaire, with a wild look in his eyes, lifted himself upon his elbows, grasped the doctor's coat lapel, and cried, "Then, doctor, I'll go to Hell and you will go with me." With these torturing thoughts, Voltaire went out to meet God.

Christians do not die like that. William McKinley, our martyred President, made a brave but losing fight against his fatal wound. At last he was told by one of the attending physicians, "Mr. President, this is the end."

The dying man smiled into the face of the physician and said, "All is well. Will you have those who watch sing for me and with me my hymn of faith, 'Nearer my God to Thee, near to Thee; E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me.'"

D. L. Moody poured out his very life in service for Jesus Christ. As death stole toward him Moody said, "Earth recedes, heaven opens; this is my coronation day. I am going home. If this is death, there is no dark valley here. All is bright, all is sunshine."

A bereaved husband in Missouri wrote me the following letter last April:

"Mrs. Wagner, bless her heart, is with her Lord. She passed away on January 17. After she came home from the hospital she seemed to be getting better. Then all at once she got liver and gall bladder trouble and when the doctor came, he said she had a heart ailment too. He said he would be back.

"The next day, well the next morning, I was sitting with her. She said, 'Daddy, I am going. Are you coming along?'"

"I told her I was ready any time I was called. That was the last thing she said. I called Evelyn. Soon she stopped breathing. Well, we had our fifty-five years of good married life, six wonderful

children, all of them were at the funeral."

How is it with you, my friend? How will it be with you in that hour? You can at this very moment turn from your sin and cast yourself upon the mercy of Jesus Christ. Do you will to do it? That is the question. It is up to you. This is the choice that changes all the future. This is the decision that will decide your destiny. Remember what Christ said in prayer to God: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

True conversion to Jesus Christ can remove the fear of death. "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:56, 57). Let nothing, nothing in this world keep you from personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Receive Him by faith into your heart right now. Then tell your friends you have done it. Do it. Really do it.

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The dear Lord Jesus is ready to save every poor lost sinner who will turn to Him. He plainly promised, "Him that cometh unto

me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). He said, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." If you call in your heart, asking for forgiveness, honestly turning your heart from your sin and depending on Christ to save you, that moment you receive salvation.

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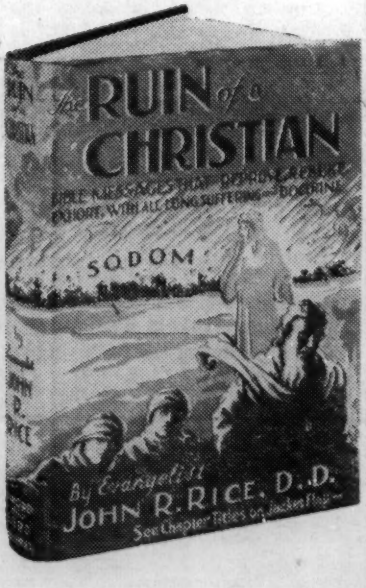
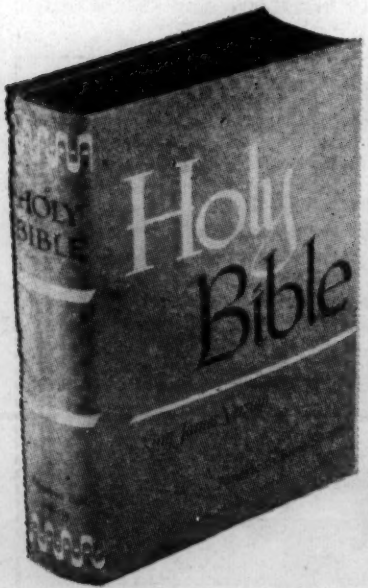
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